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SUBJECT: PLO IN IAEA: LEGAL ARGUMENTS

REF: STATE 228271

1. DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF) SOURCE GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING BACKGROUND RE CANADIAN ABSTENTION ON PLO OBSERVER STATUS VOTE SEPT. 23.

2. GOC WAS NOT PERSUADED BY UTILITY OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS SUCH AS THOSE IN REFTTEL SINCE THIS NOT FIRST TIME SIMILAR SITUATION HAD PRESENTED ITSELF IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WITHOUT APPARENT PROVISION FOR OBSERVERS. AND LEGAL ARGUMENTS, THE SOURCE SAID, HAD NOT BEEN DETERRENT BEFORE. ON THIS BASIS, GOC PLANNED TO ABSTAIN.

3. MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, EXTAFF WAS, HOWEVER, DISTURBED BY DRAFT RESOLUTION PREAMBLE PARA D WHICH STATES THAT "THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE, AS A NATION, IN THEIR HOMELAND PALESTINE". THAT DIVISION WAS APPARENTLY BOTHERED BY THE TERRITORIAL

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RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT LANGUAGE AND RECOMMENDED, THERE-

FORE, TO JAMIESON, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THAT
CANADA VOTE NO ON THE RESOLUTION.

4. INTERNAL DIFFERENCES AT EXTAFB BECAME ACADEMIC WHEN
OVERTAKEN BY THE VOTE. JAMIESON HAS BEEN MINISTER FOR
ONLY TEN DAYS AND INEVITABLE SART-UP CONFUSION PREVENTED
HIS RAPID CONSIDERATION OF ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON.
CANADIAN DELEGATE AT RIO DE JANEIRO IAEA MEETING, THERE-
FORE, ABSTAINED ON BASIS OF HIS EARLIER INDICATION TO
OTTAWA THAT HE WOULD ABSTAIN IF HE RECEIVED NO FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS.
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